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**CPUC HOSTS WORKSHOP ON NASA'S
AVIATION SAFETY REPORTING SYSTEM**

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3, 2014 -- The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today announced that it will host a National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) executive in a discussion on safety reporting systems, which are used in several industries to help prevent accidents, improve safety, and share lessons learned.

At this workshop, which is free and open to the public, Linda Connell, NASA's Aviation Safety Reporting System Director, will explain what these systems are and NASA's experience operating safety reporting systems for the aviation and rail industries. The objective of this workshop is to promote awareness and potential increased application of safety reporting systems within California.

WHEN: Thursday, February 13, 2014, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

WHERE: CPUC Auditorium, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco; also available in real-time and archived thereafter via [video webcast](#).

AGENDA:

- What is NASA's Aviation Safety Reporting System and what are Safety Reporting Systems
- Aviation Safety Reporting System Principles
- Safety Reporting System Value to Safety
- Application to Other Industries

SPEAKER: Ms. Connell is the Director of the NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System and a Research Psychologist for NASA's Ames Research Center. Ms. Connell has been working at NASA's Ames Research Center since 1981. Ms. Connell is a Pilot and a Registered Nurse. She is a member of the International Confidential Aviation Safety Systems, Aerospace Medical Association, Human Factors Society, National EMS Pilots Association, Helicopter Association International,



Aircraft Owners and Pilot's Association, Experimental Aircraft Association, and other organizations.

Although not required, please RSVP to srsystems@cpuc.ca.gov. Please indicate if you will attend in person.

Please email questions/comments prior to and during the webcast to srsystems@cpuc.ca.gov.

For more information on this event, please visit

www.cpus.ca.gov/PUC/CPUC_Workshop_on_NASAs_Aviation_Safety_Reporting_System.htm.

Although a quorum of Commissioners may be in attendance, no CPUC action will be taken at this event.

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